

Passiontide Promise

Daily Morning Prayer During the Last Two Week of Lent



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On Wednesday - reflection by David

*O, dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do (C F Alexander)*

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
your only Son was lifted up
that he might draw the whole world to himself.
May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom;**

(Taizé community)

Wednesday Psalm 143 and a reading from 1 Corinthians

1 Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and in your faithfulness give ear to my supplications; ♦
answer me in your righteousness.

2 Enter not into judgement with your servant, ♦
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

3 For the enemy has pursued me,
crushing my life to the ground, ♦
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

4 My spirit faints within me; ♦
my heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; ♦
I consider the works of your hands.

6 I stretch out my hands to you; ♦
my soul gasps for you like a thirsty land.

7 O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; ♦
hide not your face from me
lest I be like those who go down to the Pit.

8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for in you I put my trust; ♦
show me the way I should walk in,
for I lift up my soul to you.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies, ♦
for I flee to you for refuge.

10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; ♦
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

11 Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake; ♦
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

12 In your faithfulness, slay my enemies,
and destroy all the adversaries of my soul, ♦
for truly I am your servant.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1.18,22-25

Reflection

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:12-20)
Dying, and yet we live. (2 Corinthians 6:9)*

St Paul experiences death and resurrection as inseparable.

The paradox of God's grace and power being released in and through human frailty, struggle and affliction.

We have this treasure in clay jars... We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed (2 Corinthians 4:7-8)

We need to be humbled, afflicted, broken of egotism, stripped of vanity and wilfulness before we can experience God's power.

Michael Ramsey, speaking to those about to be ordained warns against being "cheerful for the wrong reasons, cheerful in pride and shallowness" but rather having a heart broken, "Whether in penitence before the Lord or in agony for the people".

Woe to you when all speak well of you (Jesus's words from Luke 6:26)

Resurrection life does not follow crucifixion as a separate process – they are part of the same process.

God's promises to his [people in exile are all prefaced by when and not if.](#) (Isaiah 43:2)

Jesus stumbles under the weight of his Cross. Was this journey to Calvary inevitable, when and not if?

(DJP-S)

Wednesday Week One: III Jesus falls the first time

*He made the stones that pave the roads of Zion
And well he knows the path we make him tread;
He met the devil as a roaring lion
And still refused to turn these stones to bread,
Choosing instead, as Love will always choose,
This darker path into the heart of pain.
And now he falls upon the stones that bruise
The flesh, that break and scrape the tender skin.
He and the earth he made were never closer,
Divinity and dust come face to face.
We flinch back from his via dolorosa,
He sets his face like flint and takes our place,
Staggers beneath the black weight of us all
And falls with us that he might break our fall.*







Malcolm Guite

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

cf 1 Corinthians 1 and Galatians 6

**The word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved
it is the power of God.**

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, 
who has come to his people and set them free.
2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, 
born of the house of his servant David.
3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old 
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
4 To show mercy to our ancestors, 
and to remember his holy covenant.
5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: 
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him without fear, 
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved
it is the power of God.**

With faith and love and in union with Christ,
let us offer our prayer before the throne of grace.

Have mercy on your people,
for whom your Son laid down his life:

God of love, hear our prayer

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations,
and have pity on those torn apart by division:

God of love, hear our prayer

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake,
and deliver them from evil:

God of love, hear our prayer

Look in mercy upon all who suffer,
and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation:
God of love, hear our prayer

Bring comfort to the dying,
and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory:
God of love, hear our prayer

Give rest to the departed
and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting:
God of love, hear our prayer

Let us commend the world, for which Christ died,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Collect - Week One:

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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